

taken into consideration in terms of the proposed tax cuts.

If we talk about homeland security, how do we secure our own home if we cannot even educate our children, if we cannot even improve our infrastructure, if we cannot set out a budget for first responders? In my own city of Los Angeles we only have 9,000 police officers, as compared to Giuliani's New York with 30,000. We have 2 million people.

So are we sincere about protecting our homeland? That means not the home land, that means America's people. What is our plan for seriously doing that? I just wanted to put that out as we go about looking at the budget. I think it is very important to be heard. That is why I said it.

Mr. PALLONE. I appreciate it. Mr. Speaker, I think it all goes back to the same thing, which is as the Democrats we are talking about a short-term 2003 plan that does not spend a lot of money relatively and put the government in deficit, and that is specifically directed to jumpstart the economy.

But what the President and the Republicans have proposed does not really even address the short-term economic needs in order to turn the economy around. It is just a long-range plan to basically provide more tax cuts for wealthy people: the stock dividends; the proposal to make the tax cuts permanent in another 10 years.

If we look at that in the context of what the budget needs are, as the gentlewoman says, in this war on terrorism both at home or abroad, we have to wonder where all this money is going to come from and what the consequences are going to be in terms of the deficit.

Ms. WATSON. We are cutting our revenue base, and we are fighting a war over 10,000 miles away that we really do not need to fight, we really do not need to fight.

Mr. PALLONE. I have been hesitating to talk about whether the war is just or necessary, but I think the bottom line is if it is going to be fought or whether it is going to be fought, we have to think about the costs of it. This President's economic plan makes absolutely no sense in the context of whether it is a war against Iraq or the other axis of evil, or just the war against terrorism and homeland security. It really does not.

Ms. WATSON. Let me say, we are a member of the United Nations. We went to the Security Council. They have their inspectors out there. If they do not find what they are looking for, it needs to go back to the Security Council.

We are working on an assumption, and North Korea says, we have your bomb. The monies that we give them for food and so on, does it really get to the people? If it did, why do we have such massive starvation over in North Korea? And I do not see why we are treating them any differently than we are treating Iraq.

Where is our commitment? How do we secure the United States? A country is only as strong as its people, and we cannot let the general public forget that. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. PALLONE. We need to continue. I thank the gentlewoman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KUCINICH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FEENEY of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 23. An act to provide for a 5-month extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 and for a transition period for individuals receiving compensation when the program under such act ends.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8 of the 108th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). Pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. Friday,

January 10, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 8, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8, 108th Congress, and its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 27, 2003, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

111. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2002 Farm Bill Regulations — Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for Peanuts, Pulse Crops, Wheat, Feed Grains, Soybeans and Other Oilseeds (RIN: 0560-AG72) received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

112. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions) [OPP-2002-0278; FRL-6824-2] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

113. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-2002-0314; FRL-7281-2] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

114. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyriproxyfen Sodium (sodium 2-chloro-6[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)thio]benzoate); Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0005; FRL-7279-5] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

115. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0237; FRL-7274-8] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

116. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2003 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, the Interior, Labor, and the Treasury; the Corps of Engineers; as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Federal Trade Commission; (H. Doc. No. 108—18); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

117. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's USTRANSCOM Personal Property Pilot Programs Evaluation Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

118. A letter from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Transactions between